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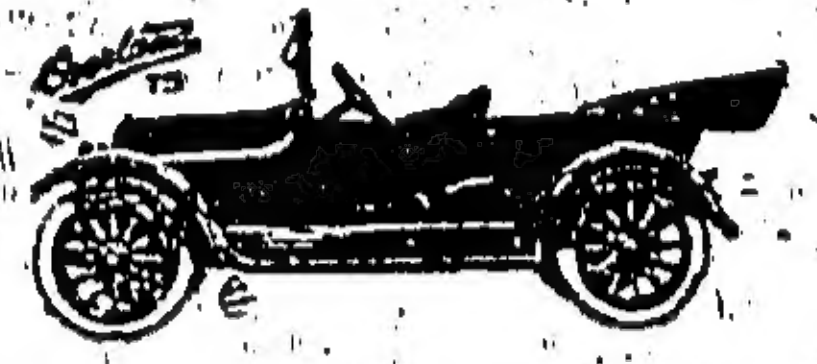
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**THE WAR.**

**TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**TRENTINO OFFENSIVE. GERMANY AND PEACE.**

AN ESTIMATE OF 150,000 AUSTRIAN  
CASUALTIES.

HEROIC BEHAVIOUR OF THE  
ITALIANS.

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters states that it is estimated that 150,000 Austrians and Germans have been lost since the beginning of the offensive in the Trentino. Nevertheless, the enemy is renewing his desperate attempts to enter the plain, employing whole Divisions in each attack. These attacks, after enormous sacrifices, have generally succeeded in conquering some outpost or advanced trench, only to find the position dominated by the Italian guns.

Apparently, General Soetensdorff and General von Bulow have determined to pass the Alpine bulwark before the severe winter sets in.

The Italian scouts have ascertained that the enemy has concentrated 3,500 guns on less than a ten-mile front, between the Brenta and the Piave rivers, and when all fire simultaneously, the houses in Cividale, Castellazzo and Treviso are shaken by the concussion.

Judging from the present action, the enemy has reverted to the original idea that entry to the plain is only possible by the capture of the Grappa mountain pass. The enemy has, so far, encountered redoubtable resistance; whole battalions of Italians allowing themselves to be destroyed in preference to yielding. Now the British and French Allies are beside and behind the Italians and their intervention has saved the day, giving a well deserved rest and breathing space to the Italians who have endured unparalleled strain for five weeks of unremitting and unrelenting fighting.

**THE RECENT RAID ON TRIESTE.**

Rome, Dec. 14.

Details of the raid on Trieste, made by Italian light craft on December 9, show that two torpedo boats, during the night, put eight chains and removed the floating mines barring the entrance to the harbour, after which one torpedo boat drew alongside the battleship *Wien* and the other alongside a cruiser. Finding that the Austrian warships were not provided with nets, the torpedo boats launched two torpedoes at each. The *Wien* sank in seven minutes. The damage to the cruiser has not been ascertained.

**THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.**

CHIEF RABBI'S MESSAGE TO THE KING.

London, Dec. 14.

The Chief Rabbi has sent a letter to the King on behalf of the Jewish communities of the Empire, congratulating His Majesty on the historic victories of the army in the Holy Land. He says: "The occupation of Jerusalem, following as closely on the epoch-making declaration of the Government for the Jewish people, carries the hearts of millions of my brethren all over the world to throbs with the deepest gratitude to the Almighty. The House of Israel fervently prays for the complete and lasting success of His Majesty's forces everywhere. The King has replied, expressing his deep appreciation of the congratulations."

The Chief Rabbi has also telegraphed to General Allenby his heartfelt congratulations.

The Chief Rabbi has arranged special prayers of thanksgiving for the taking of Jerusalem, which will be held in all synagogues.

Reprinted from the *Jerusalem Post*.

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GERMAN EXPLANATION OF MR. BALFOUR'S STATEMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.

The German official explanation regarding Mr. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons, on December 11, with reference to Germany's peace offer, says that Germany received a communication through a neutral relating to Germany's war aims. This communication was so couched as to warrant the belief that it was made with the knowledge of Great Britain. Germany was ready to answer the inquiry and considered a direct verbal reply through the neutral the best course, but Germany's opponents did nothing to facilitate such a direct reply. Mr. Balfour's statement on December 11 was the first news received in Germany that the Allies were ready to receive a communication from Germany. No further steps have been taken by Germany.

**THE WESTERN FRONT.**

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, Dec. 14.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "We successfully attacked a post to the south of Sillersguelain, this morning, and the members of the garrison were killed or taken prisoners."

There was bomb fighting, this afternoon, to the east of Bullecourt, in a portion of a trench into which the enemy had penetrated on Wednesday. A few additional prisoners were taken.

The enemy's artillery was active to the south of the Scarpe and to the north-east of Ypres.

Our aeroplanes engaged enemy machines during the attack on Bullecourt on Wednesday. Bombs were dropped and low reconnaissances were carried out and there was much fighting in the air. "A" Gotha and two other machines were brought down and three were driven down. All our machines returned.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports: "As a result of the bomb-fighting reported last night, we slightly improved our position eastward of Bullecourt."

The enemy raided a post to the south of Prouville, and a few men are missing.

**GERMAN REPORT.**

A German official message states:

We beat back an attempt to recapture the trenches to the eastward of Bullecourt.

Our violent surprise mine firing caused heavy damage to the southward of St. Quentin.

**THE FRENCH FRONT.**

London, Dec. 14.

A French communiqué states: "There were violent artillery actions in the regions of Maison-de-Champagne, to the east of Suippes and in Alsace."

**MR. LLOYD GEORGE TO SPEAK.**

London, Dec. 14.

Great interest is felt in the speech which Mr. Lloyd George is to deliver tonight in Gray's Inn. It is expected to be an important speech.

**A BRITISH INTIMATION TO GERMANY.**

London, Dec. 14.

Sir Edward Carson stated in the House of Commons that during the period of reconstruction after the war, until the needs of ourselves and our Allies have been satisfied, Germany would not get assistance of material from the British Empire.

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## BRITISH CONTROL OF CABLES.

### HOW GERMANY HAS BENEFITED.

The disclosure that Sweden has repeatedly placed her diplomatic cable facilities at home and abroad at Germany's disposal, and that Germany has used them to direct her submarine campaign, cannot but raise many and contentious issues, says a "Times" correspondent.

There is an aspect of our "blockade" of Germany which has been insufficiently considered. It consists in this—that all cable communications between not only Germany and her allies, but between all the adjacent neutral countries, on the one hand, and the outer world of Asia, the United States, and South America, on the other, are in our possession or the possession of our Allies.

Any cable map of the world will confirm this statement. The majority of the German cables started from near Emden and landed on our own east coast. Others ran to the Azores and thence to New York; to Tenerife and thence to Montevideo, in Liberia, and thence again to German Cameroon and to Pernambuco, in Brazil, and to Vigo, in Spain. One need hardly speculate on the fact that over such cables on the date of the outbreak of war or inquire whether a single one of them is, or has been since August, 1914, available for business.

On Germany's eastern frontier Russia, and on her western France, present for the length of their respective territories a sheer dead wall through which no communications can penetrate. Switzerland for these purposes is equally out of the question. Through Greece, even as Greece was under the Constantinian régime, and through Turkey the Germans could only get in touch with countries across the Atlantic by means of British cables.

Through Italy, even in the days of Italian neutrality, they were restricted in the same way to French or British lines.

POSITION OF NORTHERN NEUTRALS.

There remain, then, the small Northern lands. But in their case, too, the way is blocked. All the Dutch cables, all the Danish cables with one exception, which runs to France, all the Norwegian cables, and all the Swedish cables come to England. No one in Holland, Denmark, Norway or Sweden can send or receive a cablegram except with our permission. We are absolute masters of the cable communications of Germany, of her allies, and of all the near-by neutral States through which she and they have been drawing supplies.

What use have we made of our power? At the beginning of the war, exercising the rights reserved to us under the International Telegraph and Radio-Telegraph Conventions, we announced the suspension of all cable and wireless services "to and from or in transit through" the United Kingdom, all British possessions, and all British protectorates whatsoever.

At the same time, and specifically as an act of grace, we declared that messages might be transmitted via the United Kingdom if they were written in plain language in either French or English, if they were dispatched at the sender's risk and bore his full name and that of the addressee, and if they were passed by the censorship.

But we also added that, even if all these conditions were complied with, the messages might still be stopped, delayed, or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the British authorities, without notice to the sender and without incurring any liability of any kind. In other words we have, and have always had, an absolutely free hand. Legally and morally, at any moment we choose, we have the right and the power to cut off completely all cable messages that pass between Germany's neighbours who are feeding and supplying her and the countries overseas from which they draw goods and products.

THE RUSSIAN ROUBLE IN MANCHURIA.

For upwards of twenty years, remarks a correspondent of the "N.Y. Daily News," writing from Mukden, the Russian rouble has had great circulation in this land of base and erratic currencies. For many years it was much sought after and since its depreciation it has been speculated in or kept in large quantities by those who obtained it by ordinary business.

All over northern Mongolia and Manchuria there are millions of roubles awaiting the return to normal conditions, not to mention the huge quantities held by Japanese, who are, by the way, pressing their Government hard to safeguard them against loss.

This "sowing seedling" season will certainly witness much trouble and many failures among Chinese who have been caught with this almost useless paper on their hands.

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## MAIN ARTERY OF TRADE.

It is doubtful whether at any time we could have reinforced our naval "blockade" more effectively than by exercising this right. For sever cable communications is to cut the main artery of such trade—and as we all know it was a valuable aid, indeed, an indispensable trade—as Germany was able to carry on through neutral intermediaries with the United States before America joined the Allies.

It would be too much to say that if you cannot cable you cannot trade. But it is certain that, unless the quickest and surest means of communication are open to you, you can only trade with the greatest difficulty and delay, by roundabout routes, and in an atmosphere of perpetual uncertainty. It is true that Germany has had her wireless service direct to the United States. But its capacity is limited, its operation especially in summer time, is uncertain, all messages transmitted by it can be tapped, and it probably could not in any circumstances have borne more than a quarter of the business that was being transacted by German agents in the small Northern Kingdoms with their transatlantic customers throughout the period of American neutrality.

We brought as far as possible the mails and the parcels post under our control. We built up an extremely efficient intelligence service to keep watch over the ins and outs of the "blockade." Speaking broadly, we have for a long time known pretty nearly everything there was to be known about Germany's wartime trading methods. The names of her agents in Holland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, the firms with which they did business in the United States and elsewhere, the disguises in which their connection with Germany is wrapped up, the tricks and false agents adopted in ordering goods—all these have been no secret from our authorities.

KNOWLEDGE NOT ACTED UPON.

I said just now that we have always had both the right and the power to put a stop to all cable messages between German representatives in Holland and Scandinavia and their clients and customers across the ocean. As a matter of fact, we have not so enforced it. The great bulk of Germany's overseas trade has been carried on not merely with our connivance, but with our assistance. Our censorship of the cables has been conducted more with an eye to neutral susceptibilities than with an eye to preventing goods from reaching the enemy. It has been too much of a political and too little of a belligerent censorship; and while the entry of the United States into the war has immensely eased and simplified the situation, there are still many loopholes in the "blockade" that can only be stopped by stopping the cables.

That neutral Powers have allowed their diplomatic and Consular services and their privileges of official communication by cipher cablegrams to be used by the Germans as a war weapon, has long been suspected by our authorities in some cases, and known as a fact in others. But it has been concealed from the public. Now, however, that the game has been exposed, and now that the United States is actively and ferociously on the side of the Allies, it would seem as though the last excuse had been removed for not depriving neutral Governments as well as neutral individuals of the ability to work the cable services of the world to the benefit of the enemy and to our own and our Allies' detriment.

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December 15th, 1917.  
According to telegraphic advices received to-day, the Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd. have declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND on the Ordinary shares of the Company at the rate of 2/- per share free of income tax, payable January 31st, 1918. (Coupon No. 28).

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## THE CALENDAR.

### GENERAL MEMORANDA.

- TUESDAY, Dec. 18—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, Household Goods, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
- WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19—  
1 p.m.—Army v. Navy Cricket Match on H.K.C.C. ground.
- THURSDAY, Dec. 20—  
Prince George's birthday (1903).  
10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Toys, Xmas Trees, Crackers, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
- FRIDAY, Dec. 21—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
- MONDAY, Dec. 24—  
General Holiday.
- TUESDAY, Dec. 25—  
Christmas Day: General Holiday.
- WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26—  
Boxing Day: General Holiday.
- FRIDAY, Dec. 28—  
President Woodrow Wilson's birthday (1856).  
5.45 p.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.  
5.52 p.m.—Full Moon.
- MONDAY, Dec. 31—  
Boxing Day.

## "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

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its force. There is certainly no evidence that the adventurers who are keeping the country in a constant state of turmoil fear the threat. But it is an unjustified use of the term to say that this is a war of Democracy. How many of the Southern leaders shine as exponents of the principles of Democracy? It would be laughable if it were not so tragic. All that the democracy of South China desires is to be left alone in peace so that trade may flourish and the prosperity of the country increase. To them any Government would be preferable to the chaos which has existed for so long.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is proposed to construct a path from May Road Station on the Peak tramline to Tregunter Mansions.

A telegram from Ichang states that Captain Carley has been shot dead on the bridge of the s.s. *Anlan*, at Chungchow, by some person on shore.

Lieut. F. Medway, R.N. has been appointed to be the officer in charge of the Examination Service of the port, vice Lieut. Commander A.R.P. Martin, R.N.R.

The total output of the Kailan Administration's mines for the week ending 1st December, 1917 amounted to 61,696 tons and the sales during the period, to 66,525 tons.

The Shanghai A.D.C. is producing the farcical comedy called "Eliza Comes to Stay," written by H. V. Esmond and first produced at the Criterion Theatre on February 12, 1913.

## CHINA AND THE GREAT WAR.

A Peking telegram which we published a few days ago mentioned that the new Premier, or Acting Premier as he apparently desires himself to be regarded, was reported to have assured the French Minister that the despatch of a Chinese force to Europe was only delayed by present political difficulties in China, and not definitely abandoned. On this subject he is apparently in complete agreement with the President, for it is said on the authority of people in closest intimacy with the President that he is determined that as soon as possible China shall take a more active part in the war, and he would like this to take the form of despatching a force to Europe, but he desires to see unity restored first between the Northern and Southern peoples of China. On the policy of China towards the war which is being waged by Civilization against Teutonic lawlessness and barbarity, there is happily no difference of opinion between the North and the South, but as to which will be accomplished first—the end of the World War or the restoration of peace and harmony in China, we are not bold enough to venture an opinion. At present the one seems as far remote as the other. Daily, for months past, we have been hearing of efforts at "mediation" in China, and so far they have been absolutely fruitless. The Southern leaders represent themselves as warring in the interests of Democracy against Militarism in China. They demand that the Provisional Constitution of the Republic shall be strictly observed, and that the Parliament which they protest was illegally dissolved shall be reconstituted in Peking. No compromise on these points are they willing to entertain; and, on the other hand, the Northern party are equally unwilling to acquiesce in an entire reversal of what has been done in Peking. Moreover they feel that they have the military strength not only to maintain their position in the North but to overawe the South, if they once make up their minds to exercise it. And so we have it in the reports that the President is most anxious to secure the unity of North and South by pacific means, and not until all pacific means within reason have been exhausted, will he adopt more forcible measures, "but if the adoption of more forcible measures becomes necessary, then he will, as a last resort, adopt them." The public has been hearing this for so many weeks and months that the threat must now have lost much of

In addition to the British protest it is understood that Baron Hayashi called at the Waichiaoport and protested against the Larsen Wireless Loan on the ground that Japanese interests are endangered by the alleged German connection with the scheme.

Capt. E. S. Sowerby, M.B., B.S., London, R.A.M.C., son of the Rev. Arthur Sowerby, of Peking has been awarded the Military Cross. Capt. Sowerby was born in Taiyuanfu, Shanxi, and went to England in 1915, where in a motor accident on Salisbury Plain he suffered a broken thigh and leg. He went to France last year and has been there ever since. He was in the engagement at Messines Ridge.

It is officially notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has, under the provisions of Section 24 of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, appointed until further notice the Ships Surgeons for the time being, being duly qualified persons, of all ships in respect of which special licences have been granted under Section 14 of the said Ordinance to be medical officers for the purposes of Sections 24 to 29 of the said Ordinance.

A very interesting case has been commenced in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court in which eight Chinese wholesale liquor merchants, heads of different shops, are charged with being knowingly concerned in fraudulent attempts at evasion of customs, by importing spirituous liquors into Kuala Lumpur via Gemas in order to avoid "sampling" and testing of the alcoholic strength, and with falsely declaring the liquor to be of brands that were subject to lesser rates of duty.

Dr. William Cullen Dennis of Washington, D.C., has arrived in Peking, to take up the post of legal adviser to the Chinese Government. He is accompanied by his family. Dr. Dennis, a Shanghai contemporary states, is a recognised authority on international law. Up to the time when he retired from official life in 1911 to practise law in Washington, Dr. Dennis had handled many cases of international arbitration for the United States Government. Before entering the service of the government, in which he remained five years, he had served as Professor of Law in the University of Illinois, Stanford University, George Washington University and Columbia University.

## THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

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## HONGKONG AND THE HALIFAX CALAMITY.

### A CONTRIBUTION OF £10,000.

At the unanimous request of the unofficial members of the Executive and Legislative Councils a sum of £10,000 has been sent to the Government of Canada through the Secretary of State for the Colonies as a contribution from Hongkong for the relief of the sufferers in Halifax, with a message conveying the deep sympathy of the Colony in the terrible disaster which has befallen them.

### DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

It is announced by advertisement in another column that "Shells" have declared an interim dividend of 2/- per share free of income tax.

The Trench Mines Limited, has declared a dividend of 2/- per share less income tax 5/- in the pound, payable in London on December 21st.

The Trench South Limited, has declared a dividend of six pence per share, less Income Tax of 5/- in the pound, payable in London on December 25th.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 1918.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays, in 1918—

PUBLIC HOLIDAY:  
Empire Day, Friday, 24th May.

### GENERAL HOLIDAYS:

Tuesday, 1st January.  
Monday, 11th February.  
Good Friday, 29th March.  
Saturday, 30th March.  
Easter Monday, 1st April.  
Whit Monday, 30th May.  
King's Birthday, Monday, 3rd June.  
Monday, 5th August.  
Monday, 14th October.  
Monday, 11th November.  
Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December.  
Thursday, 26th December.

It is further notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to exclude the Police Magistrates' Department from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, on the 30th March, 1st April, 30th May, 3rd June, 5th August, 14th October, 11th November, and 26th December.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY FAIR.

The arrangements in connection with holding the Fair on the Kowloon Cricket Ground on 1st January, 1918, are going ahead with great rapidity, and provided the weather is fine it should prove a big day for Kowloon. It is to be hoped that there will be a good number of Hongkong residents present, including many prominent Chinese, whose support has been specially solicited in order to make the day a complete success.

The exhilarating fun to be obtained from a Fair with plenty of "good" novelties is well known to Hongkong, and Kowloon will not be behind in this respect. There will be the famous "Joy Wheel," "Shooting the Chute," "Aerial Flight," "Swing Boats," "Cocooning," "The Magic Ball," "Ride Range," "Love in a Tub," "Aunt Sally," "Caravan Wheel of Fortune," "Clock Golf," "Kicking the Football" and last but not least, the famous Sam Isaacs (who has been specially sent out from Home for the occasion) with his Fish and Chip Saloon, which we are informed will be the last word in Piscatorial Cuisine.

To gain admission to the ground the Public must be in possession of the official badge, composed of ribbon of the Allies Colours—these can be obtained during the day, or at the entrance to the ground. During the afternoon and evening, the specially designed 9 Hole Golf Course will be open—and it is expected that many of the Colony's Champion Golfers will be seen participating in that Royal and Ancient Game.

### UNNECESSARY WORKS.

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## THE MAGISTRACY.

### THEFT OF BRASS.

A marine hawkler was charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with the larceny of 200 lbs. of brass valued at \$100, the property of the Admiralty, from a steamer in the harbour.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to stealing the brass. He stated he bought it.

Evidence was given by Mr. George Ogleby, a shipwright, who identified some pieces of the brass produced in Court, as the property of the ship. The ship was being overhauled and a part of the fittings had been stripped off her and left on a jetty.

Mr. Wood adjourned the case until next Tuesday, bail being fixed at \$500.

### THE WATER WAS COLD.

At Shaikwan yesterday a Chinese saw a bar of lead which looked so tempting that he appropriated it but was unfortunately enough to be discovered in the act. To avoid pursuit, he jumped into the water, but found it so cold that he soon scrambled back and was arrested.

Brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning on the charge of larceny, defendant pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

### THEFT OF A SINGLET.

A Chinese was charged with the larceny of a woollen singlet from Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, yesterday.

Inspector Gordon stated that defendant was seen to abstract a singlet from a broken case and to hide it beneath his jacket. He was then arrested. Over 30 singlets were missing from the case. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

## AN ANGLO-AMERICAN GATHERING AT SHANGHAI CLUB.

The "China Press" of Tuesday says: One of the pleasantest and in many ways one of the most significant dinners in Shanghai's gracious dinner history was that which was given last night in the Shanghai Club. The Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce were hosts to the committees of the American Chamber of Commerce and the American Association of Commerce. It was a "get-together" function in which the representatives here of the two great English-speaking races really got together in a spirit of heart-warming fellowship and understanding.

The banquet hall had been specially decorated for the occasion with British and American flags and bunting, flowers and greenery. Mr. John H. Wilson, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, presided, supported by Consul-General Thomas Sammons, Mr. J. J. O'Neill, President of the American Association of Commerce, Sir Edward Fraser, Mr. A. Burns, President of the American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. O. Pearce, Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mr. W. L. Merriman, the American member of the same body, and Mr. Frederic Coleman, the well known lecturer and worker in the Entente cause, who spoke with eloquence and feeling of the drawings together, first of Britain and France, and then of Britain and America which he had as an American witnessed during the last seventeen years, principally as a business man in Paris, London and Washington.

Chairman Johnstone, after proposing the toast to King George and President Wilson, launched the oratorical man with a felicitous little speech which set everything going right by drawing attention to the fact that Americans and British had stood together as allies in China long ago, and now they were standing together as allies on the battlefields of France and Flanders and were also preparing to stand together again out here as allies not only militarily but also commercially. This was the keynote of the evening's talk without going into details, all the speakers promising on behalf of their organisations the heartiest co-operation against the enemy. It was afterwards a most promising start in a most welcome movement and Consul-General Sammons and the other American speakers plainly intimated that they had in mind a strong "follow up."

## ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

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#### Y.M.C.A. DIVISION.

On duty at the H.K.D.C. Camp.

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Monday, 17th December—

4.20 p.m.—Recruit Drill.

Wednesday, 19th December—

2.20 p.m.—Bandaging Practice.

Thursday, 20th December—

4.20 p.m.—Recruit Drill.

Saturday, 22nd December—

2.20 p.m.—Bandaging Practice.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Monday, 17th December—

4.20 p.m.—First Aid Class.

Tuesday, 18th December—

1.20 p.m.—Squad Drill.

Thursday, 20th December—

4.20 p.m.—First Aid Class.

Friday, 21st December—

1.20 p.m.—Squad Drill.

(81.) E. Murray.

Detached Staff in Charge of District.

## COMMERCIAL.

### HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Maxon and Taylor's Weekly Share Report for December 14th states—

The week under review has been devoted almost exclusively to business in Indo shares, the market showing violent fluctuations, and a large amount of business done.

Shanghai has been a quiet market for the period under review, with the exception of a fairly heavy rise in Ewo shares, following the declaration of their dividend.

BANKS.—Hongkong Banks are offering at \$300 after a fair business at the rate. Many Insurances.—Cantons have come to business at \$240. Unions are in steady demand at \$735 and North China at \$115.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires are wanted at \$135 and Hongkong Fires at \$310 are quiet with nothing doing.

STEAMERS.—Deferred Indos closed last week at \$145 for February, with \$141 done for cash, and during the week the rates have advanced as high as \$156 for March and \$148 for cash, and as low as \$143 for February has been done. At the close after various fluctuations rates are \$153 for February, \$158 March and \$145 cash. Despatches are weak markets at \$78. Steamboats have come to business at \$18.

REFINERS.—China Sugars have changed hands at \$90 for cash, and Malabars at \$86.

CHINA AND KOWLOON.—Lands are a quiet market at \$15. Banks have changed hands at \$335 whilst Trophos at \$25, Unis at \$30 and Kailans at \$29 are all on offer. Shells have buyers at \$112 with sellers holding for \$110.

DOCKS.—WATERWAYS AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves wanted a selling rate of \$91 but are now firmer with buyers offering \$93 and \$97 for February. Hongkong Docks have changed hands as low as \$180 cash with \$191 now offering. Shanghai Docks are wanted at \$170.

LANDS, HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.—West Point has come to business at \$51 and Hongkong Lands at \$90. Hongkong Hotels are wanted at \$69 and Kowloon Lands at \$30. Humphreys at \$55 are quiet.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes as follows:—Sewer Tls. 175, Shanghai Cotton Tls. 191, Kung Yieh Tls. 15.50 and Yangtsepoos Tls. 6.80.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric are wanted at \$48. China Lights could be placed at \$35. Hongkong Trams are offering at \$89.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watsons are a firm market at \$74 and Cements have come to business at \$74. Providents could be placed at \$74, less at \$150 and Dairy Farms at \$25. Waterboats at \$12 and Steam Laundries at \$3 are unchanged from last week. Fowells are offering at \$84 and Ropes have sellers at \$29.

REBBER.—Singapore cables the following quotations:—Malaka Fines \$4.50, Malakoff \$4.50, New Serendib \$4.60, Radcliff \$12.00, Ayer Pans \$11.50, Sumpel Bagan \$13.00, all sellers. Rubber (Plantation) is quoted 2/2 per lb.

EXCHANGE.—The demand rate on London is 2/11 and the T.T. selling rate on Shanghai is 68.

### STRAITS WAR LOAN.

#### TOTAL AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED.

The total amount subscribed up to the close of the Straits Settlements Six per Cent War Loan on November 14th, 1917, was \$42,083,700. The following details are published:—

#### ANALYSIS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

BY BANKS.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank \$21,151,000  
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, 17,085,800  
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. 2,800,000  
Chinese Commercial Bank, 749,000  
Sze Hai Tong Banking and Insurance Co., Ltd. 714,000

Grand Total \$42,083,700

#### BY PLACES.

Singapore \$34,184,800  
Penang 2,800,700  
Malacca 498,400

Total for Colony \$37,540,900

Total for F.M.S. \$4,384,800

Total for non-Federated States \$138,600

Grand Total \$42,083,700

Total number of applications 4,939.

Numbers of Bonds sold at \$100=9,577

\$500=1,445, \$5,000=784, total 30,493.

Amount remitted to England \$4,939,000.

### "THE WAR WAITS ON AMERICA."

No prospect of an early termination of the war is to be found in an article entitled "The War Waits on America," which Frank H. Simonds contributes to the American Review of Reviews. He says—

To me the present pause means that the French and British High Commands have definitely laid aside all thoughts of a victory—a decision—in 1917, and mean, aside from local attacks designed to improve their positions and drive the Germans out of high land and down to the plain, as at Arras and Ypres, to wait another year—and America! This means that the British are satisfied that the submarine menace will not win the war for the enemy. It must mean that they are convinced that, despite great losses, it will not bring devastation this year or the next. It must mean that the Allies believe they can face the hazards of another year of war better than the colossal expense in lives and an effort to get a decision this year, with Russia out and America unready. Unless all six hundred American troops will be in the battle line when the real great advance begins.

The same writer expresses his conviction that the war will last well into 1919, when there will be a million Americans in the European field.

The Anglo-French Oil Company proposed to increase its capital from \$4,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of a million additional shares at \$20 each, for further immediate extension to meet urgent war requirements.

The Allies' task.

What the Allies insist upon as a preliminary to peace, says Dr. E. J. Dillon, is some "trustworthy security that peace when it comes, will be lasting and unalloyed by the irksome burden of military, naval, and aerial preparations for a fresh conflict. Germany must either relinquish the will to dominate or else be deprived of the power. In the first case she will have to adopt a Parliamentary regime and democratic institutions; for the latter, she must reconcile herself to the loss of population, territories, and sources of raw supplies, without which another war of conquest is unthinkable. Those are the alternatives.

MORAL GUARANTEES WORTHLESS.

What are the probabilities that either alternative, if accepted or imposed, would attain its object? They are extremely slight. Those who know the German nature best are convinced that the moral guarantees mean virtually nothing. As for the others, they might, if complete, be effective against violent aggression for a while but not against peaceful penetration.

America's co-operation has raised the spirits of all the Allies and heartened them to put forth their remaining strength in this fourth year of the campaign. It is an invaluable asset. The resources, financial and economic, the man-power, the firm temper and impressive energy of the American people render the final triumph of the cause of freedom and civilisation a question merely of time.

Germany, which having prepared for a campaign of six months against two great Powers, has been struggling for three years against almost the whole world without compelling a decision, is now in dire straits, and her people are passionately eager for peace. Her war bill amounts to \$35,000,000 a day. Her Government, despite its brave exterior, is anxiously watching the signs of public feeling and the growth of universal democracy.

ALLIES RELY ON ATTENTION.

In such circumstances the United States might well seem the Samsou to pull down the "pillars" of militarism. And the grandiose scale on which preparations are going forward on the other shore of the Atlantic lends colour to this belief. American money has been circulating among the Allies with a degree of generosity unparalleled in the history of finance. Yet the Germans, withal, are far less perturbed at the military aspect of this new factor than at the economic influence after the war. The only military victory that can now satisfy the Allies is one that will allow them to disintegrate the Dual Monarchy, as well as detach certain territories from Germany. A success that should fall short of that would be of little avail. Attrition means slowness in the process and incompleteness in the result. And attrition is now relied on. The provinces lost to France in 1870 are recoverable only by war, and the time is now or never. And to win the two provinces by sheer force will require an effort as strenuous as to send two empires in fragments. How long will that effort take, and will the cost leave a margin of profit? There are grounds for believing that when the hour of decision is at hand, Germany, whose desire for peace is growing more fervid every day, may resolve to settle the question once for all by having recourse to the principle on the banners of all the Allies and offer to abide by the will of the inhabitants of Alsace-Lorraine. That would be master stroke.

To conclude. The struggle has seemingly reached its last phase. "All nations are sick of bloodshed, all year for surcease of the sorrow and misery of war. Germany, soul-searched and downcast, is beginning to have changed her methods, is postponing her purposes, striving to retard the domestic reforms which the democratic spirit is calling for. Significant of much is the circumstance that after three years' of tremendous fighting, during which Great Britain raised 5,500,000 men for the army, and 500,000 for the fleet, the one absorbing topic in the Press is the prospect of peace. And the new and rigorous offensive, just begun, in Flanders has not caused the centre of interest to "shift." For events are enlarging the vision of the belligerents.

THE ISSUE.

One thing seems certain: the upshot of this struggle will decide whether or no Germany shall hold sway over the "white races." And there will be no "next time." For if the Teutons realise their Central Europe, a federal State will be created with a population of 170,000,000 and an army of 1,000,000 men. The will of this federation will prevail without actual war. For nothing in the Europe that remained could withstand it, and a powerful fleet of super-Dreadnaughts would cut off Europe from America.

To kinder that, the only means at present conceivable is the dismemberment of the Central Empire, and, so far as one can now judge, this would prolong the war for years, and necessitate a radical change in the outline of the struggle.

Unless the Allies are willing to carry on this war to this consummation, the sacrifices already made and still to be made will have been offered up in vain.



TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

RUSSIA.

RUSSO-GERMAN ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS.

A German official message states that the Russian delegation again arrived at Brest-Litovsk, on December 12, for the continuance of the armistice negotiations.

The next plenary sitting was fixed for the following day.

TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.

Mr. Trotsky announces that if an armistice is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the commissioners are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

RUSSIAN GENERAL AT BREST-LITOVSK COMMITS SUICIDE.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.

The Secretary of the Maximalist Peace Delegation telegraphs from Brest-Litovsk that General Skalon committed suicide by shooting himself on the evening of the conference with the Germans.

GENERALS DISMISSED.

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd states that Generalissimo Krylenko has telegraphed that General Tchermisoff has refused to come and see him at Pskov, and has been removed from his command.

The Commissioner of the Fifth Army announces the arrival of General Krylenko at Pskov and adds that the Commissioner of the Fifth Army has undertaken to arrange an armistice on its front.

General Bolyreff, the Commander of the Fifth Army, has been dismissed and arrested.

The Soviet at Moscow has seized the works of the great Moscow newspaper, *Russkoe Slovo*, for publishing rumours to the effect that General Krylenko's seizure of the General Staff Headquarters was carried out on the insistence of the German Headquarters.

STRONG MEASURES TO OVERHAUL THE CADETS.

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing on December 13, states that the Bolshevik Government while proclaiming the Cadets' demonstration at the opening of the Constituent Assembly, on December 11, as absurd, has taken the strongest measures to overawe the Cadets. It has concentrated 8,000 Maximalist troops in the vicinity of the Taurida Palace, which is itself swarming with troops, and has prohibited the admission of members "unless they have passed signed by the Maximalist Commissioners."

KORNILOFF'S SHOCK TROOPS "ARRESTED AND DISARMED."

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd states that a Government delegate telegraphs that the Maximalist troops occupied Tamurovka and Kaluga, disarmed and arrested General Korniloff's shock troops and restored the revolutionary authority.

The Commissioner of the Black Sea Fleet has telegraphed asking for the immediate despatch of all the Black Sea Fleet detachments with numerous machine-guns. He says the military Cadets are attacking Rostoff with armoured cars.

KORNILOFF'S FORCE DEFEATED.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.

The Maximalist News Agency states that General Korniloff's forces have been beaten by Red Guards and regular troops.

COSSACK LEADERS ARRESTED.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.

The *Pravda* announces that the leading members of the Council of Cossack troops have been arrested in Petrograd.

RUSSIA AND THE STATE DEBTS.

London, Dec. 14.

During the past week there have been various statements in the Petrograd newspapers that the Lenin Government intends to repudiate the State debts. This story was first published in the newspaper *Pravda*.

Up to the present, there have been neither official confirmations nor denial.

AMERICA AND SILVER.

POSSIBLE FIXED RATE FOR THE DOLLAR.

Washington, Dec. 15.

A delegation of silver producers will confer, on Friday, on the Government's plan of contracting for one year's output.

It is thought that the cost of production may necessitate the fixing of the price of the dollar, of which the Treasury is reported to have tentatively approved.

THE HALIFAX CALAMITY.

HELMISMAN SUSPECTED TO BE A GERMAN SPY.

Halifax, Dec. 14.

John Johansen, helmsman of the Belgian relief ship which collided with the munitions ship, has been detained on suspicion of being a German spy.

Johansen was arrested while trying to leave the hospital where the physicians decided that he was suffering injury.

SUBMARINE BOMBS MADEIRA.

A CHURCH DESTROYED.

Lisbon, Dec. 14.

Yesterday evening a submarine bombarded Funchal, Madeira, for twenty minutes.

Many houses and the church of St. Clara were destroyed, and there were many casualties.

NOTED CRICKETER KILLED IN ACTION.

London, Dec. 14.

Major Harold Garnett, the Lancashire cricketer, has been killed in action.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Dec. 14.

The Silver Market is quiet.

INDIAN MATTERS.

London, Dec. 15.

In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, President of the Local Government Board, stated that a High Court would be established in the Punjab, after the war, as soon as financial considerations permitted. No recommendations had been received from the Raj regarding a High Court for Burma. The Raj had not yet submitted to the Secretary of State a detailed scheme for a university in Rangoon. The Government of Burma and the Raj were still discussing the matter and it was hoped that it might be possible to utilise the experience of the Commission which was enquiring into the Calcutta University. The Secretary of State for India was considering the proposals for continuing the Indian soldiers' pensions to orphans who were not provided for.

AN ENGLISH BY-ELECTION.

London, Dec. 12.

Lieutenant Colin Cooke has been returned unopposed for Wisbech.

BRITISH TRADE.

GREAT INCREASES.

London, Dec. 14.

The increases in exports for November 1917 are £894,081 and in imports, £20,584,217, as compared with November last year.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE SHIPPING POSITION.

SPEECH BY SIR ERIC GEDDES.

London, Dec. 13.

In the House of Commons, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that since the Admiralty Controller had been appointed in June, the output of ships required in dry docks had increased by 48 per cent, and the repairs about by 45 per cent. The repair and salvage organisation had proved so successful that it was being extended world-wide.

Referring to ship-building, the First Lord stated that if the output for December equaled the output for November, the British naval and mercantile tonnage completed in 1917, would equal that of the record year of 1913, when 2,282,000 tons, of which 363,000 were naval, were built. Mercantile tonnage was now being completed at the same rate as in 1913, while the output of all classes of shipping for October and November was actually eighteen per cent higher than the rate of output in 1913, and the Government's plans provided for a still greater increase, and further augmentations of our Mercantile tonnage was being arranged throughout the Allied world, in concert with our Allies. We were making great experiments with 1,000-ton concrete barges, and tugs, but not larger ships.

Sir Eric Geddes emphasised the necessity for developing anti-submarine warfare construction, otherwise they would simply be sending out vessels to be torpedoes by the ever-increasing force of the enemy's submarines. A vast extension of the shipbuilding facilities was necessary in order successfully to combat submarine, and it was hoped to increase still further the output from the existing accommodation, but that was not enough, and private yards had been authorised to increase their accommodation by 45 new berths.

Three new national yards were being constructed and seven would be used for the construction of more highly standardised ships than had yet been undertaken, and it was hoped to lay the first keel therein early next year. Thirty-four berths were being prepared and prisoners of war would be employed. The total cost was estimated at £3,887,000.

Summing up, Sir Eric Geddes said that the demands on our merchant shipping were greater than they had ever been in the war. The submarine menace was held but it was not yet mastered.

Sir Eric Geddes said our shipbuilding was not yet replacing our losses, but both the downward trend of the sinkings and the upward curve of shipbuilding continued satisfactory. The latter would undoubtedly be maintained. The upward curve of destruction of submarines continued equally satisfactory. There was no reason to doubt it would continue and gradually improve. If the country exercised rigorous economy and put forth all its powers to defeat submarineism he had no fear of the result.

Men and women were urgently needed for shipbuilding and unless he entirely mistook the spirit of the country the response would demonstrate to the world that our grip tightened as the struggle continued. (Loud cheers.)

ENEMY SUBMARINES.

MAXIMUM OUTPUT REACHED.

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Agency learns from well-informed quarters that the Government knows with certainty the German minimum submarine losses, and also their maximum output. It is believed that the latter has been reached, and since the monthly losses are now approaching the monthly output, it seems that with the increasing means at the Allies' disposal the German programme of operations in 1918 cannot exceed what has already been applied. The situation calls for the exercise of the greatest economy in food, but the menace has reached its worst stage as an effective force. There is every reason to believe that the enemy submarine operations should not only be held in the near future but should be gradually repressed, as our defensive work is neutralising the enemy output.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

VIOLENT ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

London, Dec. 13.

An Italian official report states:—We regained a great part of the trenches in the Col-della-Bernina region, which we were unable to re-occupy on Tuesday.

We magnificently repulsed two violent attacks in the Cingio Valley.

The enemy attacked in force on the morning of the 11th, and the attack continued fiercely throughout the day, but our troops, aided by night vision, repulsed the attack and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

A powerful attack on the Col-della-Bernina was repulsed on the 12th.

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RUSSIA.

"PACKING" THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.

The Bolshevik News Agency announces that in the event of the majority of the Constituent Assembly not favouring the authority of the Soviets, it is proposed to exclude such Constitutional Democrats and also to hold re-elections because at many places the Constitutional Democrats suborned the Electoral Committees. The Bolshevik Commissioners have issued a proclamation concluding: "Down with the Bourgeoisie. There must be no place in the Constituent Assembly for landlords and capitalists."

THE MAXIMALISTS AND THE AMBASSADORS.

London, Dec. 14.

A Maximalist decree deprives of the right to spend money at the cost of the State a number of Russian diplomatic representatives abroad, including Ambassadors in Japan, China, Egypt, Siam, and the Consul-General in Korea.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

A BOILING STRUGGLE.

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters reports:—The Bavarian attack east of Bullecourt, mentioned last night, resulted in bitter fighting all day. The enemy retained possession of some of the early captured ground, but is encountering ceaseless and harassing fire in trying to dig himself under cover. The situation of the lost ground is such as not to afford any advantage.

A tremendous enemy bombardment blazed up this morning, and we thundered a reply, but nothing followed.

There are rumours that the struggle boiled up again in the afternoon, but no particulars have been received.

The Correspondent pays a warm tribute to our wonderful artillery dash in this sector, while the infantry dash is described as more reminiscent of football than a battlefield with bombs.

LIVELY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

London, Dec. 14.

A French communiqué reports lively firing on both banks of the Meuse. Aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk, but there were no casualties.

HOLLAND'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH NETHERLANDS INDIA.

WIRELESS INSTALLATION PROPOSED.

The Hague, Dec. 14.

The Government has asked for a credit of five million florins for the erection by the Telefunken Co. of Berlin, of a wireless station for communication between Holland and the Dutch Indies. The receiving installation will be ready in three months, and the sending installation in eighteen months.

THE CRISIS IN PORTUGAL.

London, Dec. 13.

The new Cabinet has been constituted and consists of Senhor Paes, Premier, Foreign Minister, and War Minister, and the Deputy, Senhor Barboza, represents the Colonies.

CONFIDENCE IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

Rome, Dec. 13.

A Government motion for a secret session of the Chamber which the Government made a question of confidence was passed by 274 votes to 65.

WHEN THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE FOR DEMOCRACY.

New York, Dec. 13.

Mr. Baker, the Secretary for War, in a speech, said that when the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs had been disposed of by our sons and brothers, they will return with the message that the world is safe for democracy. He said that every munition factory in the land was working overtime.

AMERICA ADDED 1,000 SHIPS TO ALLIES' STRENGTH.

Mr. Daniels, the Naval Secretary, said that America had already added 1,000 ships to the strength of the Allies and was ready to add as many more as were necessary.

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

Paris, Dec. 13.

The shipping returns for the week ending December 13th state:—

Arrivals	845
Departures	987
Vessels sunk (over 1,600 tons)	1
Vessels sunk (under 1,600 tons)	0
Vessels unsuccessfully attacked	3

THE FRENCH FRONT.

London, Dec. 13.

A French communiqué states:—Since December 10th, nine enemy aeroplanes were brought down.

Other aeroplanes dropped 10,000 incendiary bombs, especially in the neighbourhood of Colmar and Metz. The enemy's attack on the Colmar region was repulsed. The enemy's attack on the Metz region was repulsed. The enemy's attack on the Colmar region was repulsed. The enemy's attack on the Metz region was repulsed.

RUSSIAN CONSUL-GENERAL AT SHANGHAI HONOURED.

LENIN AND TROTSKY DENOUNCED BY SHANGHAI RUSSIANS.

"TRAITORS AND USURPERS."

On the occasion of his completion of 25 years in the Russian Consular Service, Mr. V. F. Grosse, Russian Consul-General at Shanghai, was the guest of honour of the Russian Colony in Shanghai last Saturday. The function, which was arranged under the auspices of the Russian Executive Committee, was held at the Russian Assembly Hall, 25 Avenue Edward VII and was very largely attended.

The proceedings, the *Mercury* says, were of a very enthusiastic nature, and the popular Consul-General received the hearty congratulations of all present. He was presented with an address, together with several other souvenirs from friends, also the portrait of himself which has been specially painted by Mrs. R. N. Macleod and which had been on exhibition at the Town Hall. Amongst the speakers were Count Jezierky, of the Russo-Anatolian Bank; Mr. Lutchitch, Russian Vice-Consul; the Chairman of the Russian Club; the leader of the Russian Boy Scouts; and representatives of the Russian Benevolent Society, and the Russian Literary and Art Society.

Count Jezierky addressed Mr. Grosse in the name of the Russian colony of Shanghai, a translation of his remarks being as follows:—"To-day Mr. Grosse celebrates his 25th anniversary in the service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the whole of that period, his efforts have been concentrated entirely on the good of Russia. At every place at which he has been stationed he has always not only highly distinguished himself as Consul and representative of the Government, but has also left everywhere great regrets on his departure owing to his personal good qualities."

"Mr. Grosse is always ready to give his assistance to anybody—not only assistance in his official capacity but also assistance in his private capacity. He is a good-hearted and straight-forward man. We very much regret that the 25th anniversary in the Consular service should occur at a time when there are sad events in Russia, where a band of traitors and usurpers have temporarily seized the power. We are fully convinced that this state of affairs cannot last long and that everyone who is for good and honesty in Russia will rebel against it and do all they can to put down the Bolsheviks and once again install the Provisional Government—the Government which can be considered by us as the only legitimate Russian Government."

"As far as the Russian colony in Shanghai is concerned, we cannot acknowledge the Bolsheviks, and we take this opportunity of declaring it openly. (Loud applause). We would inform Lenin and Trotsky and the others who support them that that we consider them only as traitors to the Russian cause. (Renewed applause). We can now only express the hope that we shall shortly see Russia fighting once again with the Allies for the freedom of the world and for all the high ideals which the Allies have declared from the beginning of the war."

The Consul-General, who was loudly cheered, expressed his sincere thanks to all present and especially to Count Jezierky for his kind remarks. Refreshments were afterwards served, and the Consul-General's health was toasted with much heartiness.

AN EXPENSIVE WIFE.

It is a bitter reflection that the vast sums which General Sukhominooff, for six years Russian Minister of War, accumulated as a result of his treachery and corruption went to keep his wife in finery. Very much in love with the lady who divorced her former husband in 1914, he gave her what money she demanded for dress, and it was alleged that in the course of five years she spent £24,000 on dresses at one Petrograd firm alone.

During one season alone, ran the indictment, she ordered from the most fashionable shops in Paris thirty dresses, none of which cost less than 30 guineas, and nine hats each costing from £8 to £12, which was quite cheap for her. There are instances where women have spent as much as their husbands have been paid, but then the husbands have been millionaires, whereas the husband of Mrs. Sukhominooff had to depend on a salary of £4,000 a year. She has been acquitted, which goes to show that, extrajudicially, the tribunal was satisfied of her ignorance of the sources from which her husband drew the greater part of his wealth.

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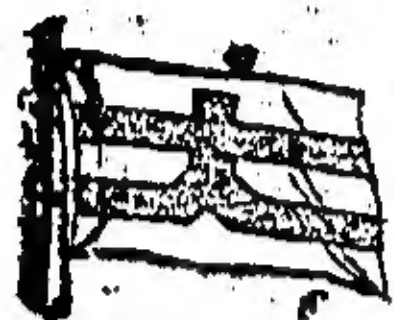
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA		
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SATSUTA MARU, Capt. Inadzu, Tons 18,000	SUNDAY, 17th Jan. at 11 a.m.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KIRIN MARU, Capt. Sasaki, Tons 8,000	TUESDAY, 18th Dec.
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E. V. D. PARR, Superintendent.

Hongkong, Nov. 24, 1917. 2319

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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## FROM KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship "BANCA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON &amp; Co., Ltd. Agents. Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1917. 2394

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE Steamship "KORUA MARU," The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, 15th December, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 17th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All chafed and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 20th December at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognized if filed after the 27th December, 1917.

T. DAIGO, Agent. Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1917. 2385

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Consignees of Cargo from Europe per the Company's steamship, "MISHIMA MARU," are hereby notified that as this steamer had an outbreak of fire on board while she was off the Canary Islands on 27th October, 1917, on her way to the East, it has been decided that the damage sustained and the expenditures incurred therefrom shall form a subject for General Average contribution. Consignees are therefore requested to sign Average Bond at this office and to fill in Valuation Forms which may be applied upon application, as well as to pay to the ship's agents a deposit of ONE per cent. (1%) of the market value of their respective consignments, before taking delivery of their goods on ship's arrival here on Thursday, the 13th instant.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1917. 2387

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 30th December, 1917, will be subject to loss. Consignees are requested to call on the Godown Company for examination of the Goods, and the U.S. Government surveyor at an appointed hour on THURSDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the date of arrival, after which date no claims will be recognized. No claims will be entertained after the 15th day of the month.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE  
CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt.  
J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.  
At Belcher's Battery.

**PARADES.**  
MONDAY, 17th instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company D.R.F.  
Class only.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company D.R.F.  
Class only.  
TUESDAY, 18th instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full  
Parade.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full  
Parade.  
THURSDAY, 20th instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Gun  
numbers other than specialists).  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company (Gun  
numbers other than specialists).  
FRIDAY, 21st instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company Layers  
and Sergeants class only.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company Layers  
and Sergeants class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by  
Captain W. Russell.  
14th to 21st instant.—  
8.15 a.m. Evening night at Belcher's  
and Lyceum. Parade as per Rosters  
at Headquarters.  
Engine drivers 8.15 p.m.  
Electricians 8.30 p.m.  
OFFICERS MEET FOR DUTY.

Belcher's, Captain W. Russell.  
Lyceum, Captain James.  
Sergeants, Lieut. Stevenson.  
**PARADES FOR INSTRUCTORS.**  
Classes for higher ratings at Belcher's  
at 11 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday,  
under Staff Sergeants, Owendene and  
Parsons, R.E. Corporal Day and 2nd  
Corporal Norris, H.R.D.C.  
Detail of duties at Lyceum from 17th  
to 21st December, 1917, is posted at  
Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by  
Major H. A. Morgan.

**PARADES.**  
(For members of the Corps not in Camp  
on the dates mentioned.)

MONDAY, 17th instant.—  
8.10 p.m. Machine Gun Company,  
Nos. 1 and 2 detachments, at Kowloon  
Docks, M.G. drill, Dress, Clean Fatigue.  
TUESDAY, 18th instant.—  
4.30 p.m. Mounted Section, Annual  
Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice, 4 and  
7 and 12, at King's Park Range, Dress.  
Drill order with pouches.  
WEDNESDAY, 19th instant.—  
1.30 p.m. Mounted Section, Annual  
Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice, 4 and  
7, at King's Park Range, Dress. Drill  
order with pouches.  
Note: Only men who have completed  
Part 1, may fire Part 2.  
THURSDAY, 20th instant.—  
(Those not attending Camp only).  
TUESDAY, 18th instant.—  
5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Com-  
pany, at Headquarters, under C. S. M.  
Widdell, Sgt. Osberry and Corporal  
Grimes, Drill order.  
5.15 p.m. Quarry, Bay residents, at  
Tai Kuo Dock.  
FRIDAY, 21st instant.—  
5.15 p.m. Nos. 2 and 4 Sections, at  
Headquarters, under C. S. M. Cooke and  
Lance Sergeant, Edmonds and Men-  
dies, Musketry instruction, Dress, Drill  
order with pouches.  
THURSDAY, 20th instant.—  
4.30 p.m. Recruits (joined since 1.9.17)  
at Kennedy Range. Musketry instruction.  
Grouping with miniature ammuni-  
tion. Dress, Drill order without rifles.  
Lance Sergeant Edmonds and Mendies  
will attend.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut.  
Beard, J.E.W.

**PARADES.**  
MONDAY, 17th instant.—  
5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at  
Headquarters.  
WEDNESDAY, 19th instant.—  
5.15 p.m. Nos. 2 and 4 Sections, at  
Yau Ma Tei Football Ground.  
5.30 p.m. Buglers at Yau Ma Tei Football  
Ground.  
6.30 p.m. Gymnasium, at St. Andrew's  
Church Hall.

**NOTICES.**  
The quarterly meeting of the members  
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21st January, 1918. Every member is  
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## CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.  
HONGKONG

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, 16TH DECEMBER,  
1917.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)  
Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses, Psalms: Venite, Nuptial:  
Psalms, Weldon, Rimbault, Ta  
Deum, Lawes, Cooke, Hopkins;  
Jubilate, (Gussey, 33rd morning);  
God Save the King.

Holy Communion (12 noon)  
Evangelist (5 p.m.)

Responses, Psalms: Psalms, Turle, Cooke,  
Heywood, Heywood; Magnificat,  
Turle, (33rd morning); Nunc Dimittis,  
Wickes (33rd evening); Hymns,  
283, 337, 350.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Baptisms  
and Sermon.

Preacher—Rev. R. G. H. Griffith.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.  
Holy Communion at Morning Prayer.  
Morning Prayer (8 a.m.)

Responses, Psalms: Venite, Nuptial:  
Psalms, Weldon, Rimbault, 81,  
1 to 11, Crotch, 12 to end, Selway;  
Te Deum, St. Jude; Jubilate, Bridge  
W.A. 383; Kyrie, Mandelssohn;  
Hymns, 14, 331, 113, 304.

National Anthem.

Evening Prayer (8 p.m.)  
Responses, Psalms: Psalms, 82 Turle, 83  
Cooke, 84 Heywood, 85 Hopkins;  
Magnificat, Barnby W.A. 533; Nunc  
Dimittis, Stainer W.A. 386; Hymns,  
283, 84, 310, 350.

National Anthem.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.  
Sunday Services, December 16th.  
Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Subject:  
Jerusalem.

Evening Service at 8 p.m.  
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

The Gospel Hall.  
10 & 12 PRINCE STREET.  
Weekly Service, Sunday: Breaking of  
Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.

Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study,  
8 p.m.

Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.  
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 9 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist.  
MADONNELL ROAD.  
Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

2 Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Wanchai.  
Sunday Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,  
ARSENAL STREET.  
Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church,  
GARDEN ROAD.  
Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by  
the Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral,  
GLENDALY.  
Mass at 6.7 and 9.30 a.m.  
High Mass at 8 a.m.  
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Parcel Post Services to British  
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Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and  
Russia have been suspended.

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Ointment, wash off  
in five minutes with  
Cuticura Soap and hot  
water and continue bathing for some  
minutes. Use night and morning.

For pimples, redness, roughness,  
itching and irritation, dandruff, it-  
ching scalp and falling hair, red, rough  
hands and baby rashes, these frag-  
rant emollients are wonderful as  
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For free sample each address post-card  
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WEATHER REPORT.

December 15th, 1917. 23rd.—No returns  
from Japan and Indo-China. An anticy-  
clone of considerable intensity has  
formed over the Yangtze Valley; pressure  
has increased considerably over the  
China Coast and Formosa, and slightly  
elsewhere.

Strong monsoon will prevail along the  
China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.11 inch. Total  
since January 1st, 81.48 inches, against  
an average of 82.50 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on the 16th December:—  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. and  
N.W. winds, fresh to fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: "N. winds,  
strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Lamrocks: The same as  
No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Hainan: The same as  
No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN HONGKONG.

The following table shows the Stan-  
dard Time at which Official Night ends  
and begins during the month of Dec-  
ember, 1917.

Date. Ends. Begins.

Dec. 15th, 6.43 a.m. 5.53 p.m.

" 16th, 6.43 " 5.53 "

" 17th, 6.43 " 5.53 "

" 18th, 6.44 " 5.54 "

" 19th, 6.44 " 5.54 "

" 20th, 6.45 " 5.55 "

" 21st, 6.45 " 5.55 "

" 22nd, 6.46 " 5.56 "

" 23rd, 6.46 " 5.56 "

" 24th, 6.47 " 5.57 "

" 25th, 6.48 " 5.58 "

" 26th, 6.48 " 5.58 "

" 27th, 6.49 " 5.59 "

" 28th, 6.49 " 5.59 "

" 29th, 6.50 " 6.00 "

" 30th, 6.50 " 6.00 "

" 31st, 6.50 " 6.00 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY  
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER  
REPORT.

DECEMBER 15, 1917.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Wind. Force. Weather.

Wanchai 6 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 7 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 8 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 9 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 10 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 11 a.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 12 noon 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 1 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 2 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 3 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 4 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 5 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 6 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 7 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

Wanchai 8 p.m. 30.05 58 N 100

## SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 14th, 1917.

Stock and paid up  
Value. Quoted  
11.30 a.m. Last Dividend  
and date. Approximate  
turn based  
on 1st  
year